

LDOE is fully committed to supporting the launch of EdLink in the coming months through continued LEA user support & communications, strategic training and progress tracking, vendor partnerships, and offering options for Oct MFP legacy system submissions.

During the month of May, the school systems along with the LDOE EdLink Project Management team supported the continuation of the EdLink 360 system by achieving the following milestones:

- ✓ Collaboration with PowerSchool leadership team to stabilize the EdLink system and to get school systems back in and submitting data
- ✓ Creation of a public facing progress tracker to ensure all school systems were set up, logged in, and submitting data to EdLink
- ✓ One-on-one training sessions for school systems new to EdLink
- ✓ System issues and resolution tracker to provide data managers insight to known system issues and resolution of those problems
- ✓ Data Quality and Reporting dashboard enhancements to support data managers continued validation and review of data in EdLink
- ✓ Meaningful feedback conversations with school systems, both in office hours and small working group sessions. Feedback is driving more enhancements and release of additional dashboards

EdLink is on track for the August 2021 launch. However, we acknowledge the concerns that some school systems have expressed regarding the EdLink 360 launch. Being sensitive to these concerns, the EdLink support team has joined with the Executive team, the School System Finance team and the Office of Technology Services to identify an option that will allow school systems who are actively working in EdLink and are unable to resolve reporting issues, to submit to legacy systems for the purposes of validating the accuracy and completeness of their Oct 2021 data. EdLink data will still remain the source of truth for the 2021-22 school year, but options for submissions to legacy Calendar, SIS and PEP systems will be available for the purposes of ensuring Oct MFP collection accuracy and completeness.

In order to become eligible to submit data to the legacy systems for October 2021, school systems must meet the following criteria:

- Submitting first to EdLink 360, including Calendar, Courses, Student and Staff data (*Complete list of extracts can be found in the [presentation](#).*)
- Reaching out to LDOE and partner for technical assistance, working together toward clearing record rejections and data quality errors in EdLink.
- Reviewing Data Validation dashboards for completeness and accuracy of data, and in doing so note concerns about the accuracy of the data in EdLink 360.

Approaching the October snapshot, and after the above criteria have been met, school systems who still have concerns regarding the quality and completeness of the data may request LDOE open up legacy systems.

- Superintendent/school system leader must make a formal request on behalf of the data manager to open up legacy systems.
- Special processing period(s) will be opened for each requested system
- LDOE will work with the school system to ensure completeness and accuracy of the legacy system submission
- LDOE will generate Data Validation reports from the legacy system and assist the school system in comparing that report to EdLink Data Validation reports
- School system must continue to work in EdLink and legacy systems until the final snapshot is taken and legacy system closed

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out to crystal.wilkinson@la.gov and kathy.noel@la.gov.